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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 92nd Indian Science Congress was held in Ahmedabad recently as reported in the Hindu dated January 4, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has formed a Science Advisory Council to the Prime Minister; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) The 92nd session of the Indian Science Congress was held from January 3 - 7, 2005 in Ahmedabad. This session was jointly organized by the Nirma University of Technology (Deemed University) and the National Institute of Occupational Health (Indian Council of Medical research). The focal theme of the session was Health Technology as Fulcrum for the Nation. Professor NK Ganguly, Director General, Indian Council of Medical research was the President of the 92nd session. Several national and international experts in the area of health sciences, Health Technologies, etc. had participated in this event. The event was inaugurated by the Hon`ble Prime Minister.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Government has set up a Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. The Council has eminent scientists and technologies drawn from academic and industrial sectors as its members. The mandate of the Council is to look at the S & T issues at policy level and put in place systems to meet the needs of India in future. The Council has also been entrusted with the responsibility of preparing a road map for science and technology to ensure our preparedness for meeting these challenges.